(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
12.	भारत का राजदूतावास, द हेग	—	10	8	सामान्य व्यक्ति
13.	भारत का हाई कमीशन, नैरोबी	—	21	48	सामान्य व्यक्ति
14	भारत का हाई कमीशन, पिंडहोक	12	12	9	भारत आस्थानी कर्मचारियों के बच्चे
15.	भारत का हाई कमीशन, माहे	—	—	18	सामान्य व्यक्ति
16.	भारत का हाई कमीशन, गैबरोन	15	18	24	सामान्य व्यक्ति
17.	भारत का राजदूतावास, काहिरा	14	24	32	सामान्य व्यक्ति
18.	भारत का राजदूतावास, बुडापेस्ट	11	—	—	भारत आस्थानी कर्मचारियों के बच्चे

Development of Fire Services

2401. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of fire services in the country has been very slow;

(b) if so, whether the funds allocated by Central Government to the State Governments for imporving fire fighting devices are under utilised;

(c) if so, the total funds allotted to State Governments for the same and the amount out that spent by each State Government; and

(d) the steps Central Government propose to take to provide latest fire fighting technologies to State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) It is for the State Governments to determine the pace of strengthening fire services within the States.

(b) and (c) while no funds are allocated to the States on a regular basis, the recommendation of the Tenth Finance Commission to allocate Rs. 100 crores to the States during the period 1996-97 to 1999-2000, has been accepted by the Government.

(d) Information about latest fire fighting technologies is made available to the State Governments through the office of Fire Advisor to the Government and through various training programmes at the National Fire Service College, Nagpur for Government officials.

Allocation of Funds for National Highway-49

2402. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Member of Parliament has reprsented to Government to complete the survey and investigation of Cochin Madurai National Highway No. 49, if so, when and what are the details thereof;

(b) what steps are being taken to consider the siad suggestions;

(c) whether Government would ask the Kerala and Tamil Nadu Governments to conceive project plan to spend non-sanctioned Rs. 20 crores on this National Highway particularly on its Ghat section; and

(d) whether Government would rubberise this section of National Highway on an experimental basis immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The Ministry has received a representation dated 4.12.1995 from Sh. V. Gopalsamy, M.P. for immeidate completion of survey and investigation of NH-49 The state PWD

has already been requested to complete the work by target date of completion of December, 1996.

(c) The overall improvement of the Ghat Section of NH-49 will be considered after completion of survey and investigation and subject to availability of funds. However, the road, including Ghat section, is being kept in traffic worthy condition with spot improvements and special repairs to accident prone reaches and bridges and culverts thereon.

(d) There is no proposal to rubberise this section of Natioanl Highway on an experimental basis.

सोशल ऑडिट पैनलों का गठन

2403. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के कार्यकरण की समीक्षा करने के लिए सोशल ऑडिट पैनल नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इन पैनलों की नियुक्त कब से प्रभावी होगी और ये कब से अपना कार्य आरम्भ कर देंगे?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (ग) पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय ने मंत्रालय की गतिविधियों की पुनरीक्षा करने तथा उपयुक्त सिफारिशें करने के लिए पहले ही एक सामाजिक लेखा-परीक्षा पैनल का गठन कर दिया है। यह पैनल मंत्रालय के कार्यक्रमों और परियोजनाओं के प्रति सामान्य जागरूकता और समर्थन का मूल्यांकन करेगा तथा आवश्यकता होने पर उपचारी कार्यवाई का सुझाव देगा ताकि इन्हें लोगों की अपेक्षाओं के अनुकूल बनाया जा सके और जन समर्थन एवं प्रतिभागिता जुटाई जा सके। यह पैनल मंत्रालय के लिए एक सलाहकार निकाय के रूप में कार्य करेगा।

Indo-Egypt Bilateral Cooperation

2404. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the subjects discussed with the President of Egypt during the Prime Minister's recent visit to that country; and

(b) the details of agreements signed with that country for bilateral cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) During his visit to Egypt from October 15-16, 1995 Prime Minister discussed with the President of Egypt bilateral and international matters of mutual interest including ways and means to enhance trade and economic cooperation between India and Egypt, cooperation in science and technology, regional issues relating to South Asia and the Middle East new challenges before the international community such as terrorism, reform of the United Nations and the strengthening of the Non-Aligned Movement.

(b) Three agreements were signed during Prime Minister's visit to Egypt; on scientific and technological cooperation, on combating all forms of criminal acts, particularly terrorist, transnational and organised crimes, and on cooperation in the sphere of information. The agreement on cooperation in science and technology includes implementation of joint research and development projects, organisation of and participation in scinentific conferences, workshops, exhibitions etc., mutual use of R&D facilities and scientific equipment, organisation of joint scientific meetings and other forms of cooperation to be mutually agreed upon. The agreement on cooperation in the sphere of information is designed to encourage the dissemination of news and information on each other countries among their citizens through Press, News Agencies and other Information Media so as to reflect the various aspects of the social, economic and cultural life of the two countries. The implementation of this